

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested. The following remarks are responsive to the Office Action mailed November 28, 2007.

35 U.S.C. 112 Objections

Claims 5, 8, 14, and 21 are objected to under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as not having support in the written description. Claims 5, 8, 14, and 21 have been amended. Accordingly, Applicant submits that this objection is overcome.

35 U.S.C. 101 Rejections

Claims 17-21 are rejected under 35 USC 101 as being written toward non-statutory subject matter. Particularly, the Office Action asserts that because the specification recites a carrier wave as an example of a machine-readable medium, the claims reciting a machine-readable medium are non-statutory. Claim 17 has been amended to include the term “tangible” in the preamble as a qualifier of the term “machine-readable medium”. Because only tangible mediums are statutory, the edit to claim 21 necessarily excludes intangible mediums. To the extent a carrier wave is intangible, claim 21 would exclude a carrier wave. Applicant submits the rejection is overcome.

35 U.S.C. 103 Rejections

Claim 1, 4-8, 11, 16-17, 20-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Chaudhari (7,039,951) in view of Leonard (6,721,784) in view of Spraggs et al. (U.S. 6,941,454). Particularly, the Office Action alleges that Chaudhari teaches most

limitations of independent claims 1, 6, 11, and 17, except (inter alia) restricting user's ability to manipulate emails, which the Office Action asserts is taught by Leonard. Claims 1, 6, 11, and 17 are amended to replace "manipulate" with "modify" to more clearly distinguish the claims in view of the asserted art. Because, as the Office Action points out, Leonard teaches forwarding forwarding, printing, etc., emails, and not modifying the emails, Leonard cannot be used as a basis for the rejection. Because Leonard cannot be used as a basis for the rejection, Applicant submits that the rejection is overcome.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1, 6, 11, and 17 as well as all dependent claims, are presently in condition for allowance.

If there are additional fees due, please charge them to our Deposit Account No. 50-4238.

Respectfully submitted,

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